



**UNITED STATES MISSION - BOGOTA
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**



No. 044

Job Vacancy

April 28, 2009

OPEN TO: US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) – All Agencies

POSITION: Fraud Investigator
*FP-6

OPENING DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2009

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2009

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): US\$37,828
(Starting salary)
(Position Grade: FP-7 to be confirmed by Washington)

NOTE: ONLY US CITIZEN ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS (USEFM) AS DEFINED UNDER THE DEFINITIONS SECTION OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Bogota is seeking an individual for the position of Fraud Investigator in the Consular Section (CON), Fraud Prevention Unit (FPU).

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The incumbent will perform the full range of anti-fraud investigative activities in support of the Consular operations, utilizing expertise in criminal investigations, to include analysis of facts to support fraud determinations. These investigations will have a determination that affects the applicant's permanent ineligibility for visas. Work is often complex and sensitive, requires self-supervision, responsibility and

good management skills. Included in the scope of work are detailed investigations involving fraudulent documents, sensitive documents concerning applications for asylum that are precluded from being handled by foreign nationals, alien smuggling, imposters, visa counterfeiters, visa mills and visa tampering schemes. The employee will utilize oral and written communication to prepare reports of investigations that are both analytical and persuasive.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item in their application or in a cover letter.

(All applicants must meet all the requirements listed below in order to be considered for subject position)

- a. Education: Completion of secondary school and two years of college education are required.
- b. Prior Work Experience: Six months of work experience in Consular affairs or with international organizations, customs, or immigration affairs agencies, in the areas of research, investigations, report drafting and in computer-based systems to create spreadsheets, data-base reports, and analytical studies, including work experience in customer service is required.
- c. Language Proficiency: English Level IV (fluent) is required. Spanish Level III (good working knowledge) is required.
- d. Knowledge: Knowledge of standard office machines required.
- e. Skills and abilities:
 - Must have and apply keen intellectual skills to obtain and develop evidence for evaluating cases, exercise initiative, resourcefulness and judgment.
 - Must have the ability to rapidly assimilate a wide range of civil procedures and applicable Colombian laws.

***LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:**

Primary Language: In order to meet the language requirement, all applicants **MUST** indicate in their applications or in a cover letter their primary or native language. A language test will not be conducted in the applicant's native language unless requested by the selecting office.

Secondary Language(s): When two or more language requirements are stated in the Vacancy Announcement, language tests are required for those languages that

the applicant does not identify as the primary, first-spoken, or native language. If an applicant claims fluency in multiple languages, the applicant must identify ONE and only ONE language as primary, first-spoken or native. ALL applicants will be tested in any other language listed in the Vacancy Announcement that is not listed in the application as a primary language.

LANGUAGE TESTING PROCEDURES:

Most of the positions at the Embassy require specific levels of both Spanish and or English. After the preliminary screening of the applications, those who meet all of the requirements will then be scheduled for the required language examinations if needed. English language examinations are given at First Class English at a cost of 40,000 (Colombian pesos), the applicant is responsible for all costs incurred for this test. Spanish Examinations are presently given at the Embassy at no cost. You will be contacted and given the procedures for each examination.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 days calendar days of their employment.
3. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a Department of State Secret security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following, or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for U.S. Federal Employment (SF-171 or OF-612). The form is available at <http://bogota.usembassy.gov>, check the About the Embassy link and then click on Human Resources – Vacancies; or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as an OF-612; plus
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. Please include a cover letter which states your primary language and how you meet each of the qualifications required for the position.
5. Any other documentation (e.g. certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.
6. US Citizen EFMs may apply for positions as soon as the sponsor has orders assigning him or her to Embassy Bogotá.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

American Embassy Bogotá
Human Resources Office
Attention: Recruitment Unit
Carrera 45 No. 24 B-27

Alternatively you could e-mail your application to: jobvacanciesbogota@state.gov
Please note that this e-mail address is a mail box only. Any messages sent to this box will not receive a response. **Please do not mail a hard copy of your application package to us if you have already sent it via e-mail.**

DEFINITIONS

1. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) – For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:
 - U.S. Citizen; and,
 - Spouse or unmarried child at least 18 years old; and,

- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad (Colombia); or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

The US Mission in Colombia provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.